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I tried every single burger at McDonald's and ranked them from worst to best

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I tried every single burger that the fast-food giant has to offer. Andrew LaSane

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As part of an ongoing series, I tasted every single burger at McDonald's.

The fast-food giant impressed me with its bacon Quarter Pounder with cheese and its double bacon Quarter Pounder with cheese.

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Over several weeks, I made dozens of trips to various McDonald's locations, determined to taste and review every single burger on the menu.

I tried a total of 18 burgers for this assignment, taking photos of each and jotting down notes about their ingredients, taste, and appearance as I went along.

Here's every single burger at McDonald's, ranked from worst to best.

Note: Prices are based on my local New York City McDonald's.

Hamburger — \$1.39



The hamburger wasn't very exciting compared with the other options. Andrew LaSane

The basic hamburger at McDonald's had one beef patty, one pickle, chopped onions, ketchup, mustard, and a toasted bun.

It was just sort of plain and a bit bland, in my opinion.

Even though this was the cheapest burger option on the menu, it still didn't feel worth it. I

Double hamburger — \$2.89



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More protein, but not more excitement. Andrew LaSane

I accidentally purchased two double hamburgers, but after trying one I didn't bother with the second because I simply didn't find it enjoyable.

Together, the meat patties were moist, but the overall burger felt kind of bland to me with its pickles, onions, ketchup, mustard, and regular bun.

Quarter Pounder — \$5.49



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I wish it had cheese to add some flavor. Andrew LaSane

The sesame-seed bun was filled with a large patty, onions, ketchup, and pickles.

Overall, the burger had plenty of beef, but the Quarter Pounder made me respect cheese more, since I think it would've benefited from a slice or two.

Without the melted slices of cheese, the onions dominated the burger and masked the flavor of the naked beef.

Quarter Pounder with cheese — \$5.50

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The burger wasn't bad — it just wasn't very memorable. Andrew LaSane

If I hadn't taken notes on the Quarter Pounder with cheese, I might not have remembered it. It wasn't a bad cheeseburger, but it did not feel markedly different from many others on the menu, which made it forgettable for me.

The burger came with one patty, pickles, slivered onions, two slices of cheese, ketchup, mustard, and a sesame-seed bun.

Double Quarter Pounder with cheese — \$6.69



This had two slices of cheese, which were welcome. Andrew LaSane

The double QPC came with two quarter-pound beef patties, two slices of cheese, pickles, onions, and a sesame-seed bun.

It was not the best I've had — I felt like the charbroiled taste and onions overpowered the

Deluxe Quarter Pounder with cheese — \$6.49



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The piece of lettuce seemed to be a bit too large for the burger. Andrew LaSane

The deluxe Quarter Pounder with cheese had one beef patty, tomato, mayonnaise, onions, cheese, pickles, a sesame-seed bun, and lettuce.

Unsurprisingly, as you can see from the photo, the burger tasted more like lettuce than anything else. Yes, I easily could have taken it off, but I chose to review it the way it was sold to me, with a comically large piece of lettuce that barely fit into the box.

Bacon McDouble — \$2.99



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The burger was just fine. Andrew LaSane

This burger was fine, but it wasn't my favorite. The only notes I took about the bacon McDouble I tried were "pretty standard" and "kinda salty."

The burger comes with pickles, onions, ketchup, mustard, a slice of bacon, and cheese.

McDouble — \$2.29



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It had a great meaty flavor, but I missed the cheese. Andrew LaSane

The only physical difference between a McDouble and a double cheeseburger at McDonald's is that the former had one fewer slice of cheese.

Both had pickles, cheese, onions, ketchup, mustard, and a regular bun.

Losing that slice of cheese hurt the burger's ranking on this list, but it did put more of a focus on the meat instead of the other toppings.

Double bacon BBQ burger — \$7.49



The burger patties didn't have enough of a beef flavor. Andrew LaSane

The burger featured two meat patties, applewood-smoked bacon, tangy barbecue sauce, cheese, and crispy fried onions on a regular toasted bun.

After trying the single version and wishing that the flavor of the meat was more prominent, I thought that another patty would make this burger perfect. And sure, the dual patties did taste charbroiled, but I didn't taste any strong beef flavor.

Bacon BBQ burger — \$5.99



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It almost looked like a burger you'd get at a sit-down restaurant. Andrew LaSane

The burger had one beef patty, applewood-smoked bacon, barbecue sauce, cheese, and crispy fried onions on a regular toasted bun.

The sauce and fried onions took center stage, and because of that, the taste of the beef was almost completely lost.

Still, it was pretty tasty, and I appreciated the crunch of the fried onions and bacon.

Deluxe double Quarter Pounder with cheese — \$7.29



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It tasted a smidge underseasoned to me. Andrew LaSane

The deluxe double Quarter Pounder with cheese had the same charbroiled taste as some of the other burgers I tried, but it was not as overpowering.

I appreciated the balance of the toppings (tomatoes, cheese, onions, pickles, ketchup, mustard), but I feel like the two patties could have used more salt and pepper.

Triple cheeseburger \$3.79

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I wish there had been triple the pickles too. Andrew LaSane

This tasted like a denser double cheeseburger, which, I guess, is exactly what it is.

The three burger patties took center stage here, but not necessarily in the best way. Pickles, onions, ketchup, and mustard were also present, but they did not come to participate in terms of flavor.

Ultimately, I felt the three patties threw off the burger-to-bun ratio.

Big Mac — \$5.49



I get why this is such a classic, but I missed having loads of toppings. Andrew LaSane

The Big Mac has been the signature burger at the golden arches pretty much since it was added to the menu in the late 1960s.

~~It wasn't my first time trying one, but expectations going in were pretty high~~

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cheese, pickles, and onions on a sesame-seed bun.

The lettuce was crispy, and, much to my delight, no parts of the three-tiered bun were soggy after my five-minute ride home. The Big Mac sauce was familiar, both patties were evenly cooked, and the toppings were messy but tasty.

It's not a small sandwich by any means, but I found that I was surprisingly still hungry after eating it.

Double cheeseburger — \$2.69



I appreciated the extra cheese. Andrew LaSane

Cheeseburger — \$1.69



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It was simple and not bad. Andrew LaSane

The cheeseburger was simple but effective. I thought the bun-to-patty ratio was perfect, and there was just enough ketchup and mustard.

The lonely pickle slice could have used a friend, but I have long believed that the chopped onions McDonald's adds are the stars of the show.

Bacon Big Mac — \$6.49



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The bacon added the perfect level of saltiness. Andrew LaSane

As the name suggests, the bacon Big Mac is like the classic (two beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions, sesame-seed bun) but with one no-brainer ingredient added: bacon.

The burger and the other components were just as good as I remembered the original being (I tried them several weeks apart), but I think the crispy bacon gave this dish an extra something special.

Double bacon Quarter Pounder with cheese — \$7.69

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There was too much of a good thing on this one. Andrew LaSane

The double bacon Quarter Pounder with cheese seemed perfectly cooked to me.

In addition to the healthy serving of bacon, the burger had two patties, two slices of cheese, pickles, onions, and a sesame-seed bun.

It was juicy and flavorful, but in the end it was a case of too much of a good thing. Had it been slightly smaller, it would have taken the No. 1 spot.

Bacon Quarter Pounder with cheese — \$6.69



It had a great blend of salty and sweet flavors. Andrew LaSane

The bacon Quarter Pounder with cheese was one of the juiciest burgers I tried for this taste test.

The winning dish consists of a quarter-pound beef patty, onions, pickles, two slices of cheese

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The saltiness of the bacon and beef paired nicely with the sweetness of the ketchup, the pleasant bite and crunch of the onion and pickles, and the gooeyness of the cheese.

In my opinion, this still wasn't as good as a burger you'd order from a sit-down restaurant — but by fast-food standards, it was damn near perfect.

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